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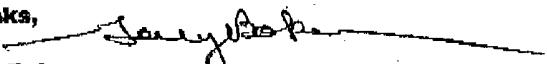
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Dear Examiner Pak,

I would like to schedule an interview in the above cited matter. Attached is a letter with a proposed amended claim 1 for your review before the interview.

Thanks,


Gary Baker

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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/103,355 for
METHODS FOR SCREENING NUCLEAR TRANSCRIPTION FACTORS FOR
THE ABILITY TO MODULATE AN ESTROGEN RESPONSE
Inventor: Peter J. Kushner, et al.
Filed: June 23, 1998
Our File No.: 407J-896410US

Dear Michael:

I would like to arrange an Interview in the above cited case at your soonest convenience. Please contact me at 510 769-3510 or at gbaker@quinelaw.com to schedule the interview.

I am a new attorney on the case (after the departure of the previous attorney). I have made an extensive review of the case file and a fresh look at supportable claims in the matter. Below is a proposed amended claim I would like to discuss with you to remedy the section 112 issues in your Office Action of 3/23/04.

1. A method of screening a nuclear transcription factor ligand (NTFL) for the ability to modulate estrogen activation at an AP-1 site, said method comprising the steps of:
 - a) providing a first cell comprising:
a cognate receptor for the NTFL;
an estrogen receptor different from said cognate receptor; a promoter comprising an AP-1 site that regulates expression of a first reporter gene;
 - b) contacting said first cell with said NTFL and with a compound having AP-1 mediated estrogenic activity; and,

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c) detecting expression of said first reporter gene, as compared to expression of said first reporter gene in the absence of said NTFL, wherein a difference in expression of said first reporter gene in the presence of said NTFL indicates that said NTFL modulates estrogen activation at an AP-1 site.

Best regards,

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